

City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women

Mission:

To ensure that women and men have equal opportunity to function fully and optimally as citizens of Bloomington, as equal participants in the economy, in politics and government, in education, in social development, in the system of justice, and in all other facets of life.



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The Commission on the Status of Women was created by City of Bloomington ordinance in 1973. Its purpose is to assure that women and men have equal opportunity to function fully and optimally as citizens of Bloomington. The Commission is sponsored by the Community and Family Resources Department of the City of Bloomington.

Commission Members

Jillian Kinzie
Toby Strout
Cathi Crabtree, *Chair*
Debra Vance, Co-chair
Dorothy Granger
Merridee LaMantia
Lorraine Ferrell, Secretary
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Dorothy Saltzman, CSW Emerita
Community Volunteer: Peg Lindenlaub.
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The Commission on the Status of Women meets every month at Showers City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

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Objectives

- To identify the needs of, resources for, and services available for women in Bloomington;
- To monitor federal, state and local policies for their impact on Bloomington women and to make recommendations to the Community and Family Resources Department for appropriate actions to assure women's equity;
- To stimulate and encourage legislation for the development of social services of benefit to women in Bloomington and the State of Indiana;
- To issue publications, materials, research findings and legislative information to educate the community about the goals of the Commission;
- To assure a coordinated City-wide effort to improve opportunities for Bloomington women;
- To maintain close liaison with other women's commissions and advocacy groups throughout the state, and with other local, state or federal programs that relate to the needs, problems and opportunities of women;
- To maintain close liaison with federal efforts in programs affecting women to ensure appropriate City participation, and to consolidate efforts at the local level.



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Selected Commission Activities

In addition to co-sponsoring activities for Women's History Month and the Annual Bloomington Women of the Year Awards, the Commission's activities include:

Focus on the Issues Community Education

Series: The Commission sponsors public presentations addressing issues of importance to women. Forums have included *Focus on Women's Issues: Wage Equity*, *Forum on the Status of Non-Caucasian Women*, *Growing Your Own Business*, as well as addressing domestic violence, child care, generational issues in women's safety, sexual harassment in the workplace, and others.

Assessing the Status of Women in our

Community: The Commission continues to work in collaboration with City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department staff, gathering, summarizing and releasing relevant data pertaining to the status of women in Bloomington and Monroe County for presentation to the community.

Community Action and Education: The Commission seeks to raise awareness in our community of issues of importance to women through media releases, co-sponsoring events, and representation on working groups. In 2001, the Commission worked with a Leadership Bloomington-Monroe County group to host *Get On Board*, an exposition on women in leadership positions. In 2006, the Commission collaborated with several local organizations to present another women's leadership forum; the event, *Women on Board*, featured a keynote speech, workshops and a panel discussion. Planning is underway for the 2007 *Women on Board*, to be held in the month of March, Women's History Month.

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